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# Half Hours with the Best Composers

The phenomenal success of "Famous Composers and Their Works" has encouraged the publishers to announce immediately a new publication, which will serve as a companion work, entitled *Half Hours with the Best Composers*.

Its purpose is to place in the hands of subscribers an ample library of music at a cost of less than one cent a page.

#### THIRTY LEADING AMERICAN COMPOSERS

have been selected to write the opening numbers for the thirty parts, each of which will also contain, as a frontispiece, a portrait of the composer, followed by a brief biography and a list of his principal compositions.

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The collection will be edited by Mr. Karl Klauser, one of the editors of "Famous Composers," who is well known throughout the country as an editor of many years' experience, and one who is in sympathy with all schools of music.

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#### ETHELBERT NEVIN



THELBERT NEVIN was born Nov. 25, 1862, at Edgeworth, near Pittsburg, Penn. When a boy he developed a strong passion for music and clung to it tenaciously during his early school-

days. His first serious pianoforte studies were with Mr. B. J. Lang in Boston, and at the same time he took up harmony under Stephen Emery. In 1884 he went to Berlin, where he remained three years, studying with Karl Klindworth and Von Bülow. Leaving Berlin in 1887, he returned to Boston and remained three years, at the end of which time he again went to Europe and spent the years 1890 to 1892 inclusive in France and Germany. In the fall of 1892 he returned to Boston,

where he has since resided, composing, playing in public occasionally, and teaching.

His first attempt at composing was made when he was eleven years old, and his first published composition was brought out in 1888.

The greater number of his compositions have been for the voice and piano, and among his principal works are the following:—

Water Scenes, Op. 13.

In Arcady, Op. 16.

Etude in the form of a Romance, Op. 18.

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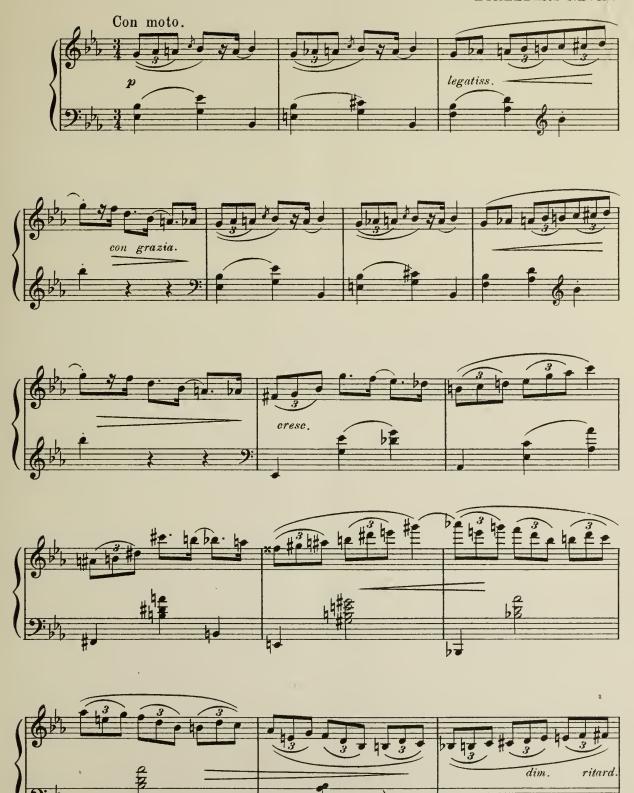
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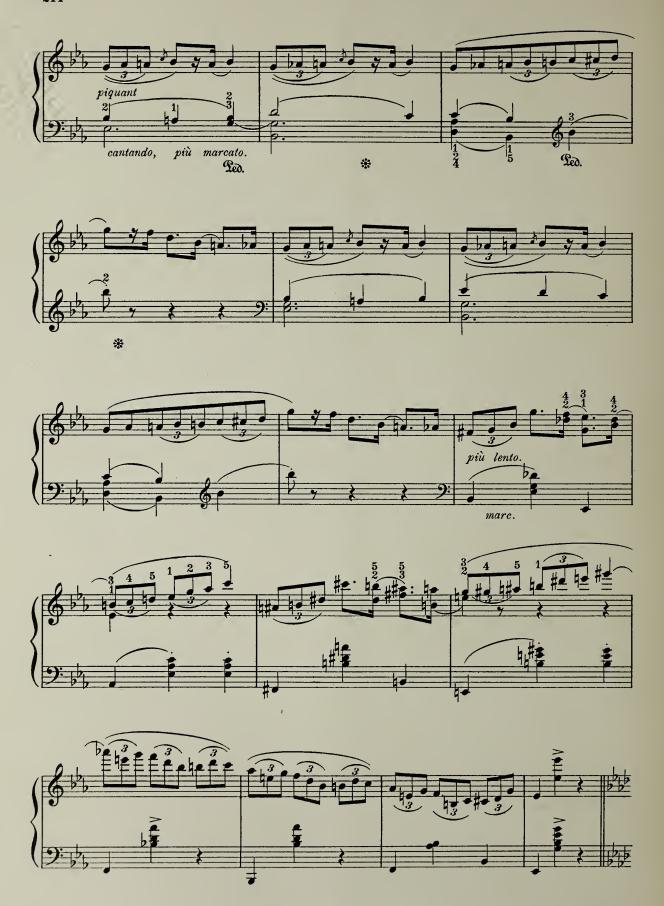
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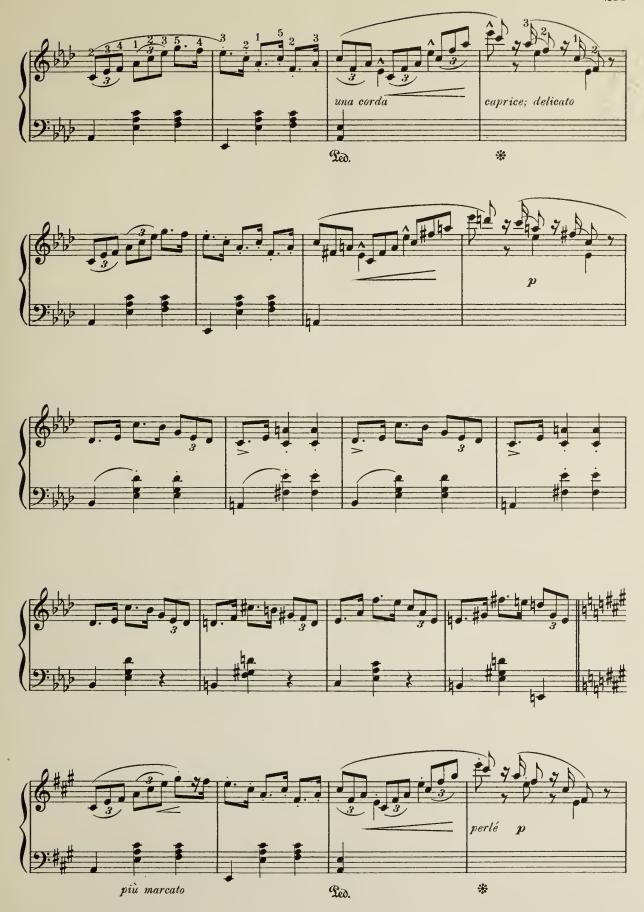
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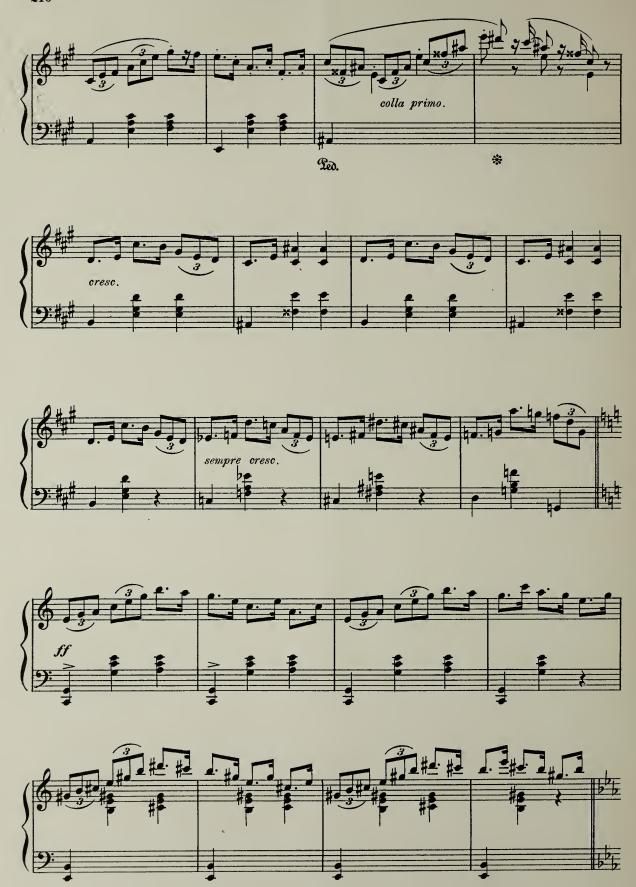


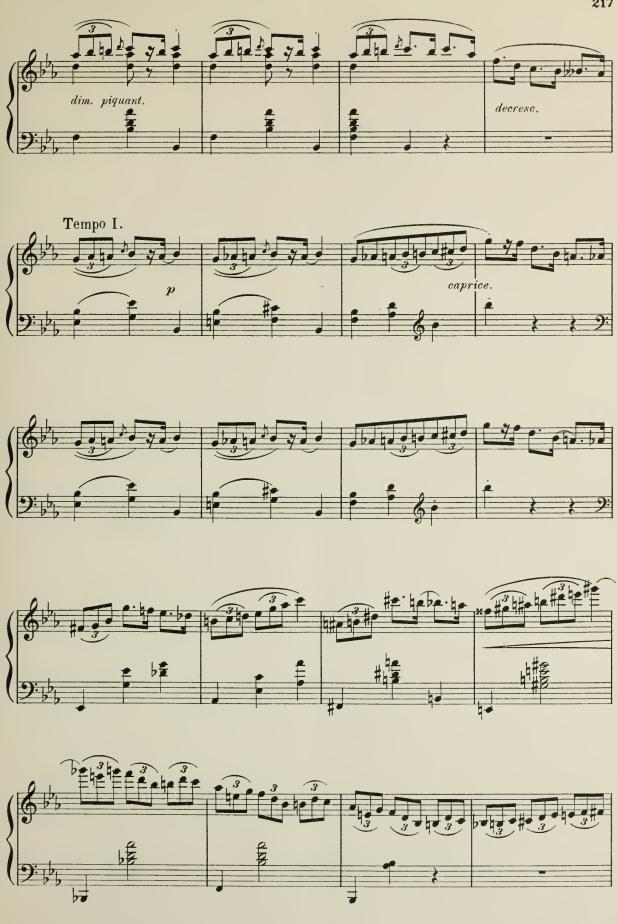
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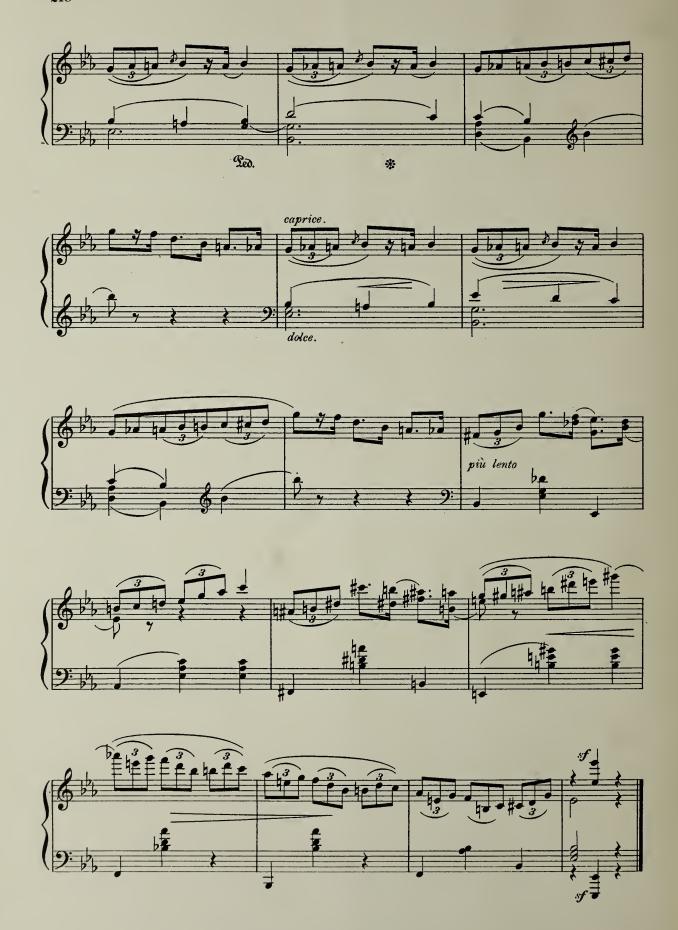
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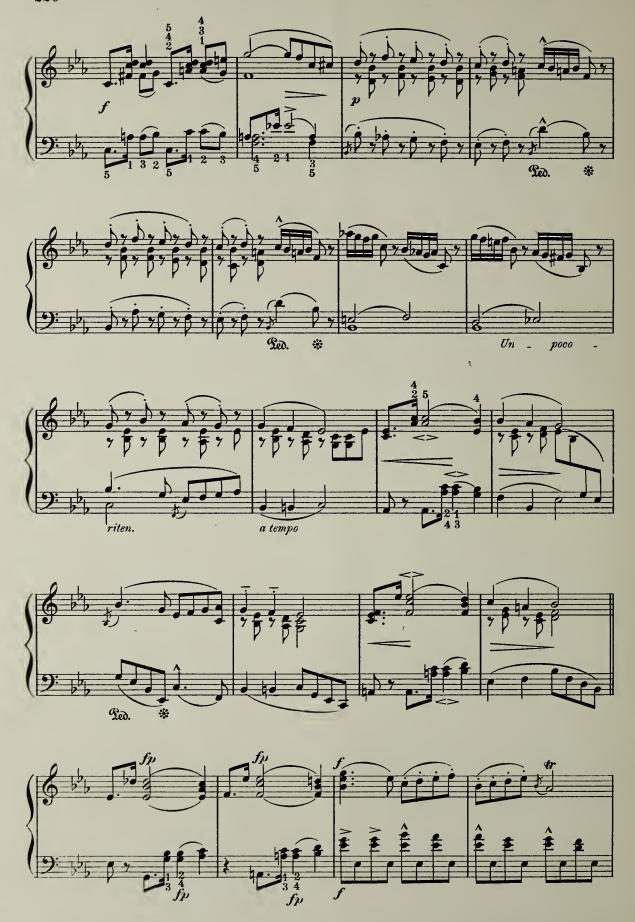


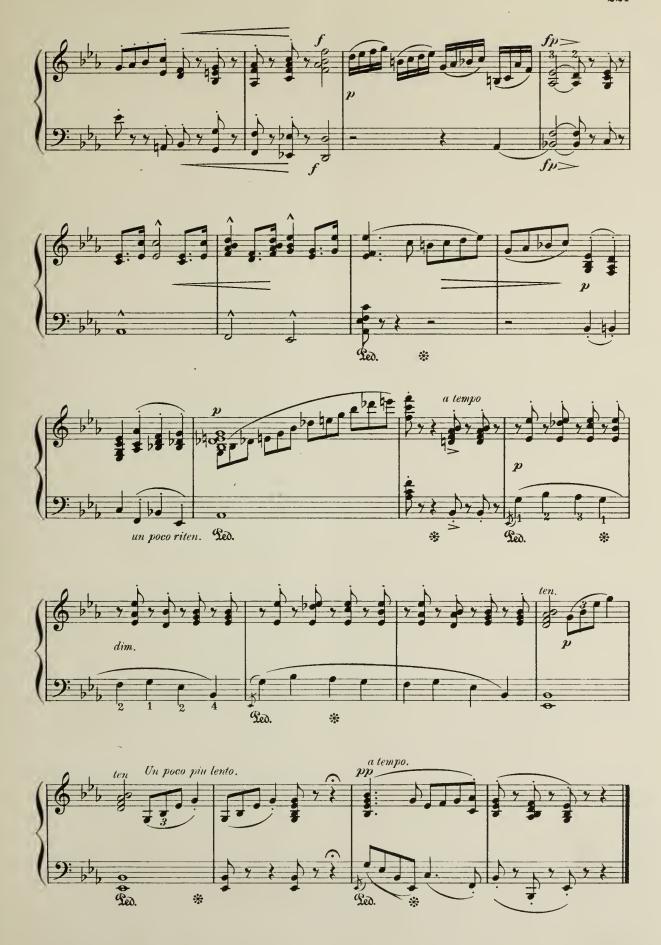




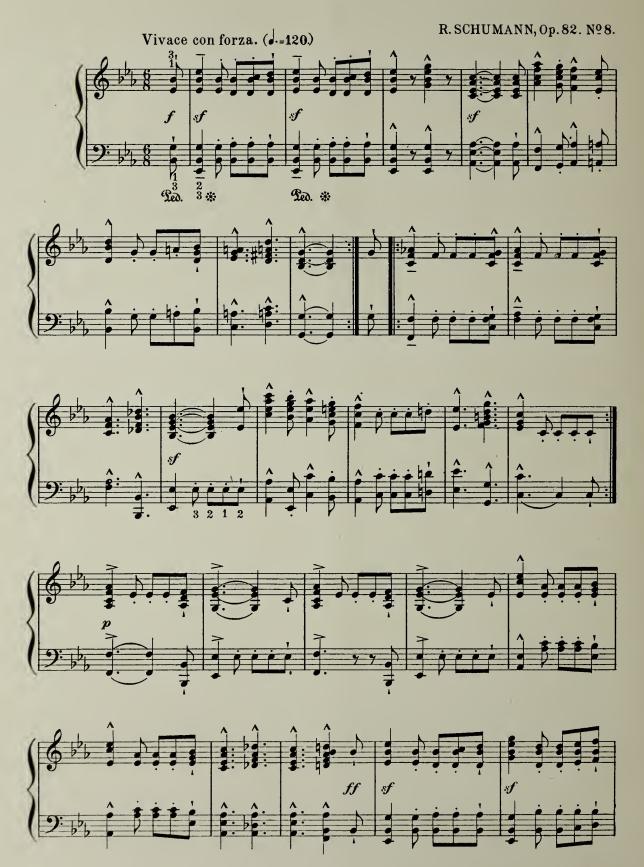
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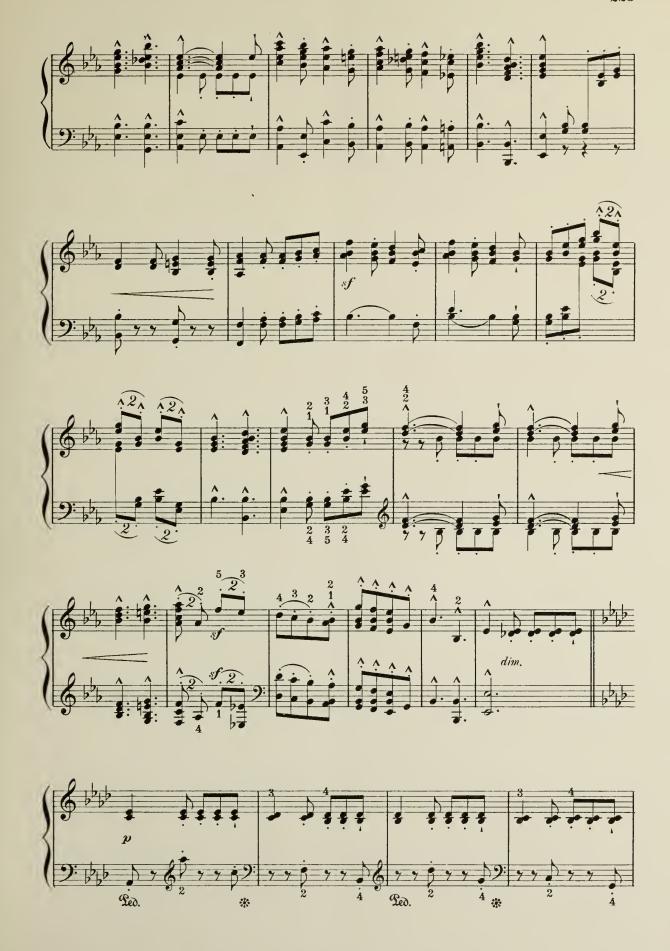


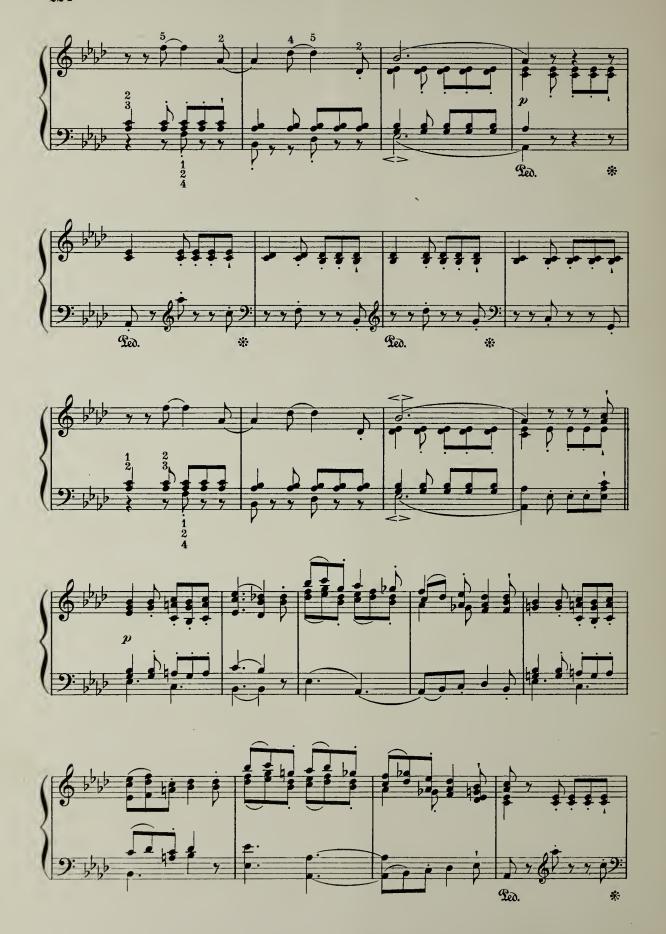


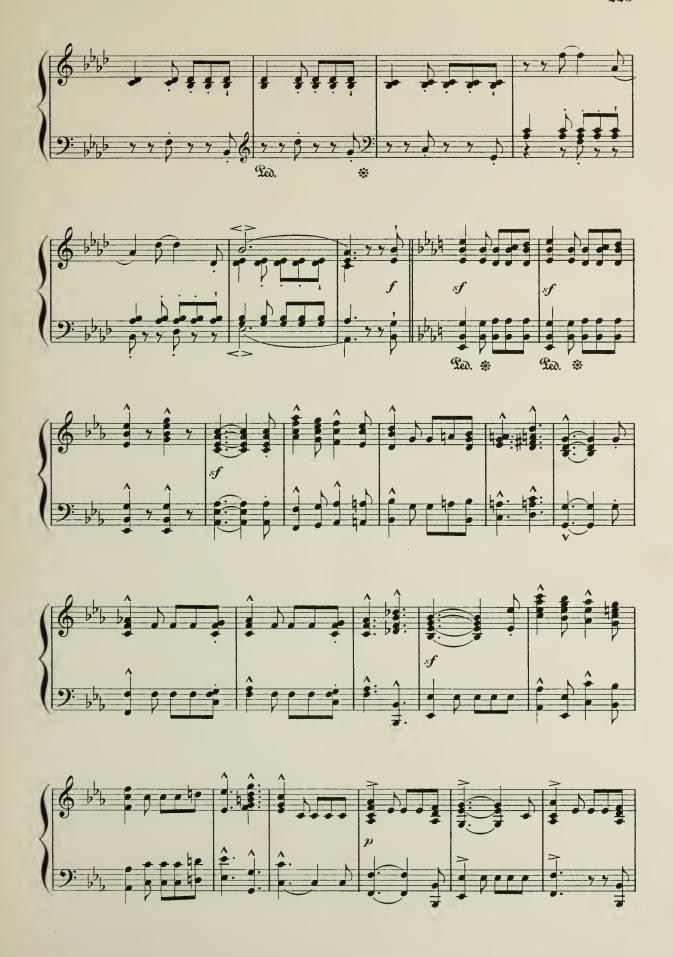


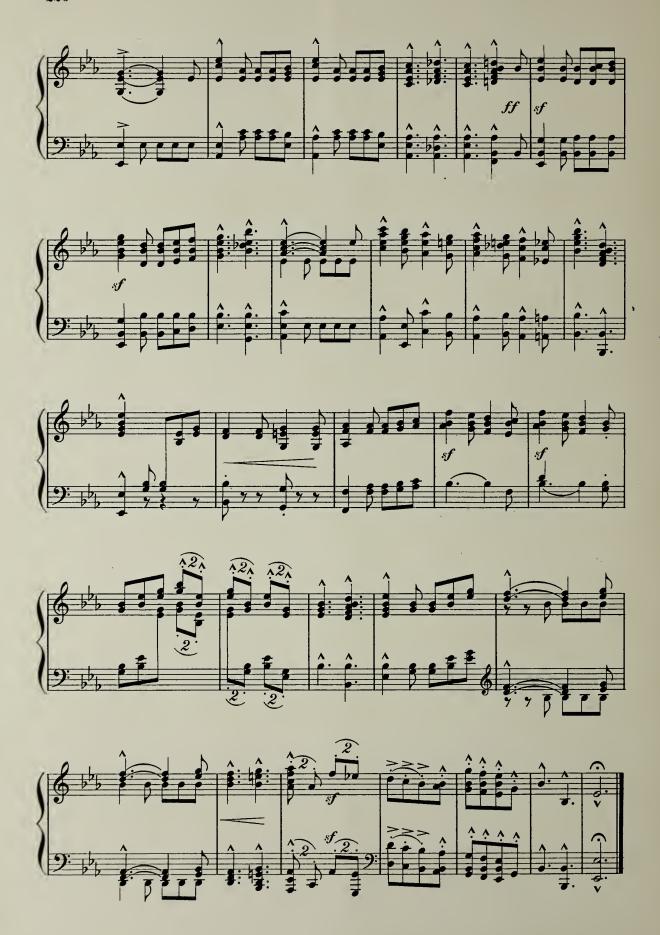
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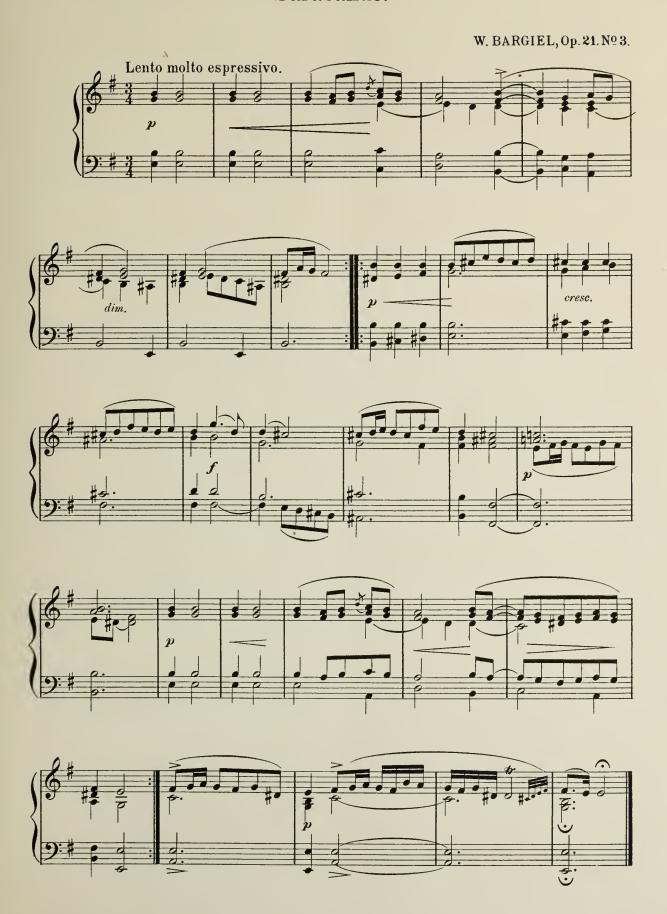


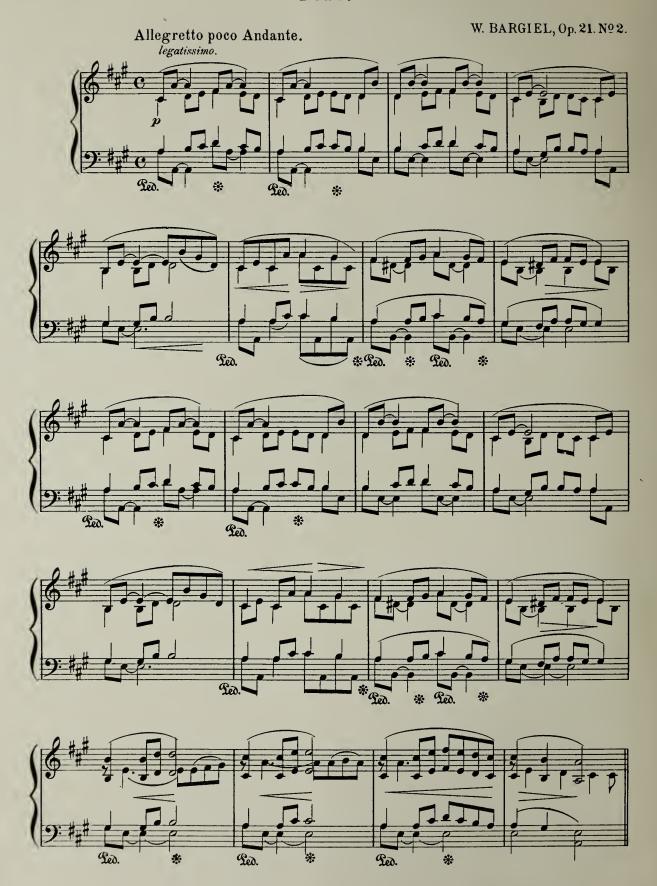




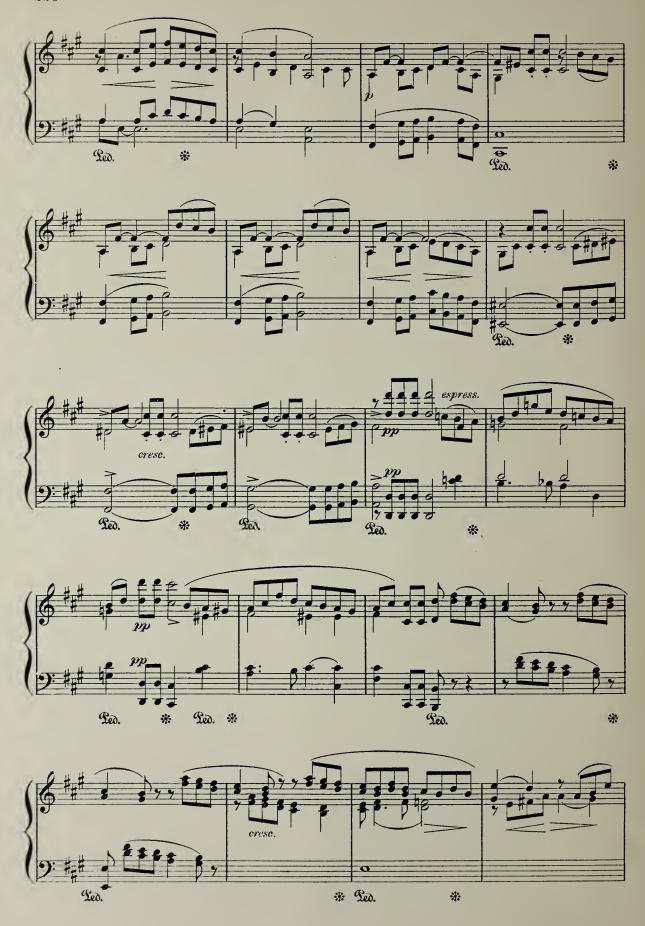


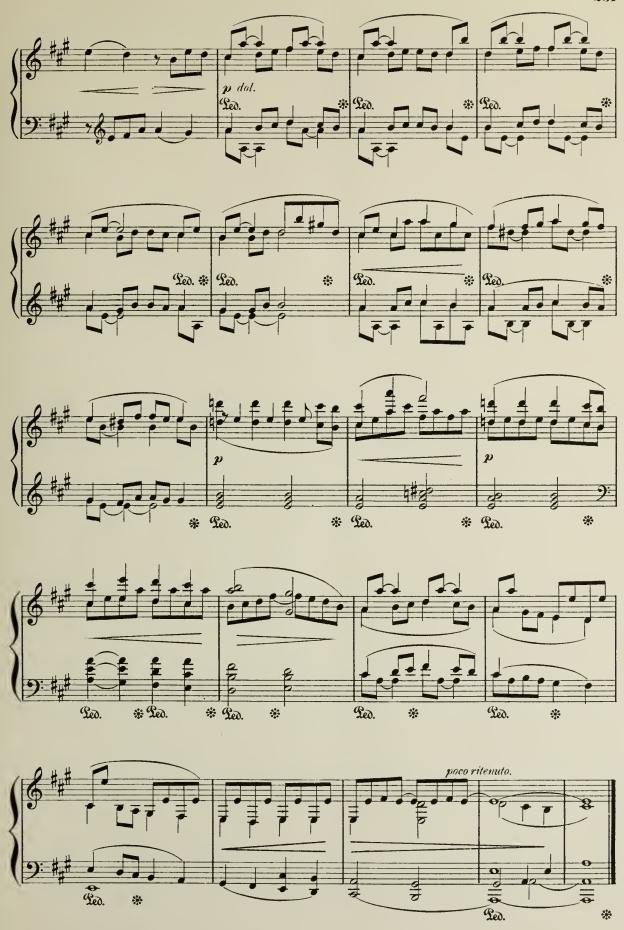
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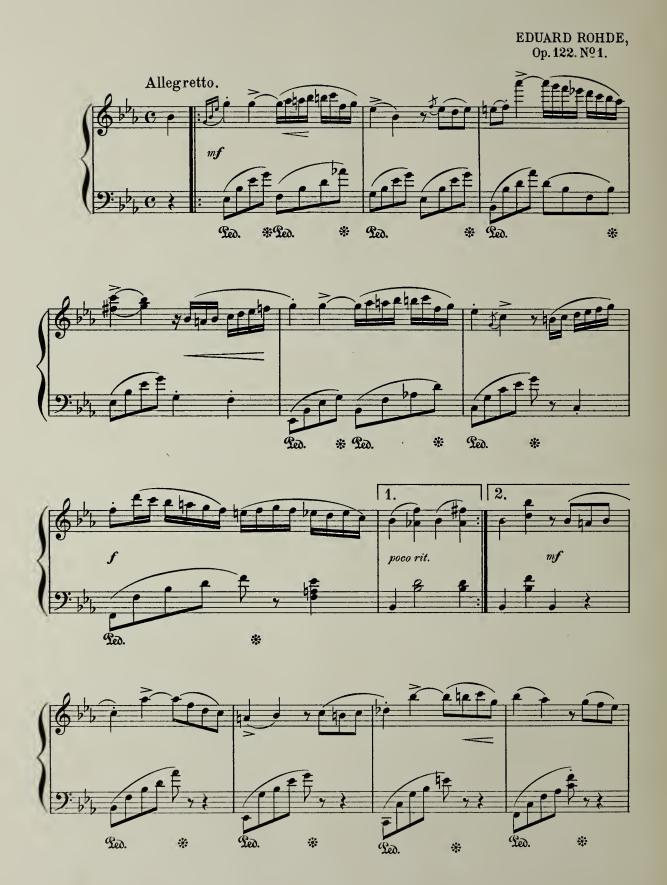


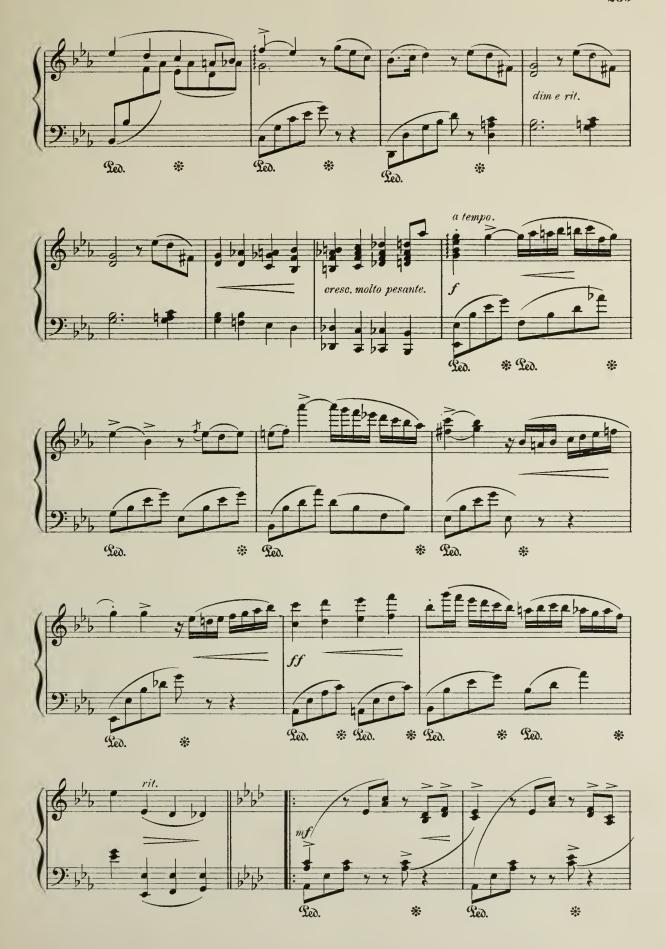


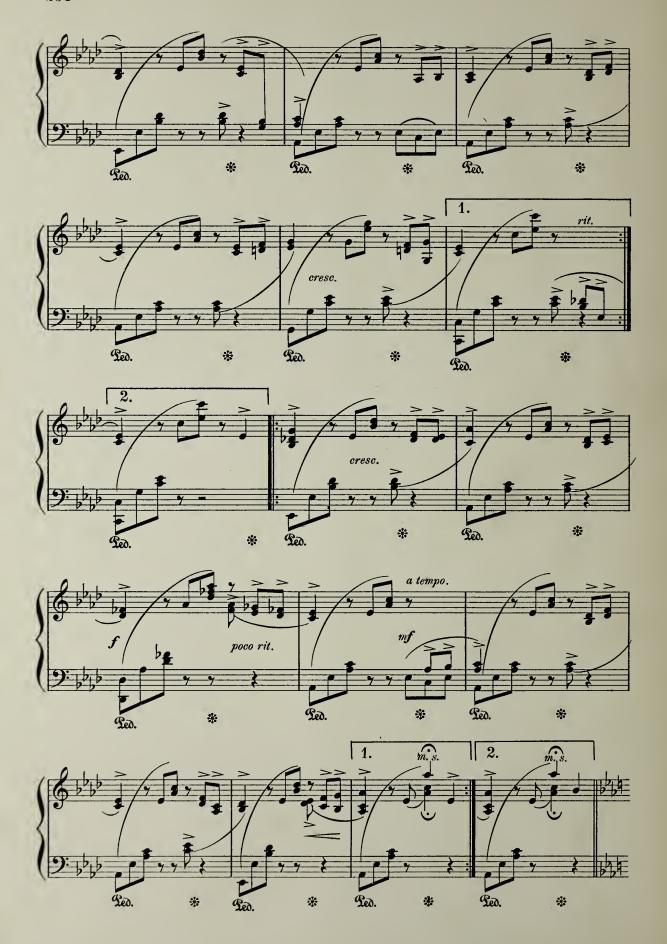




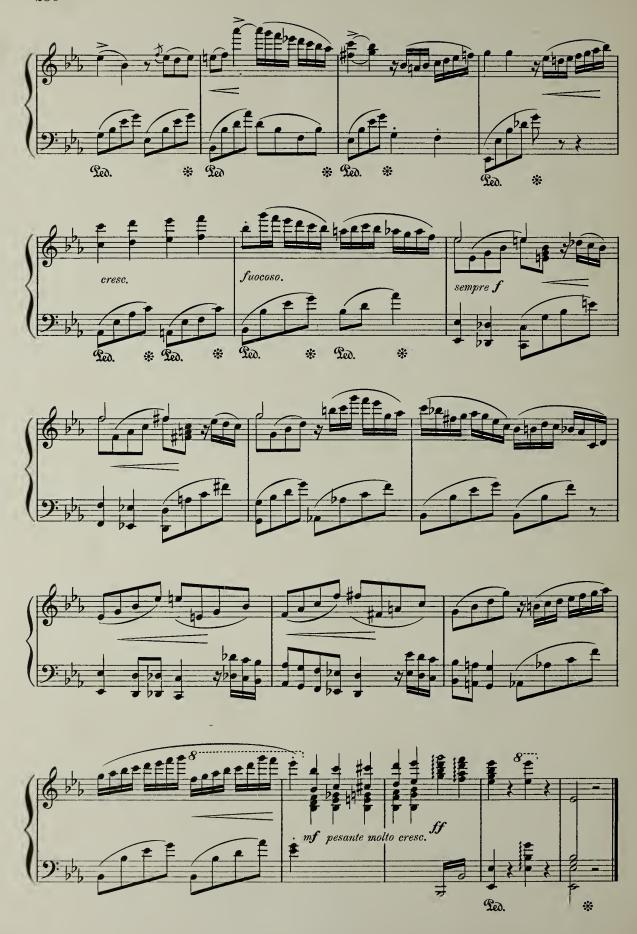
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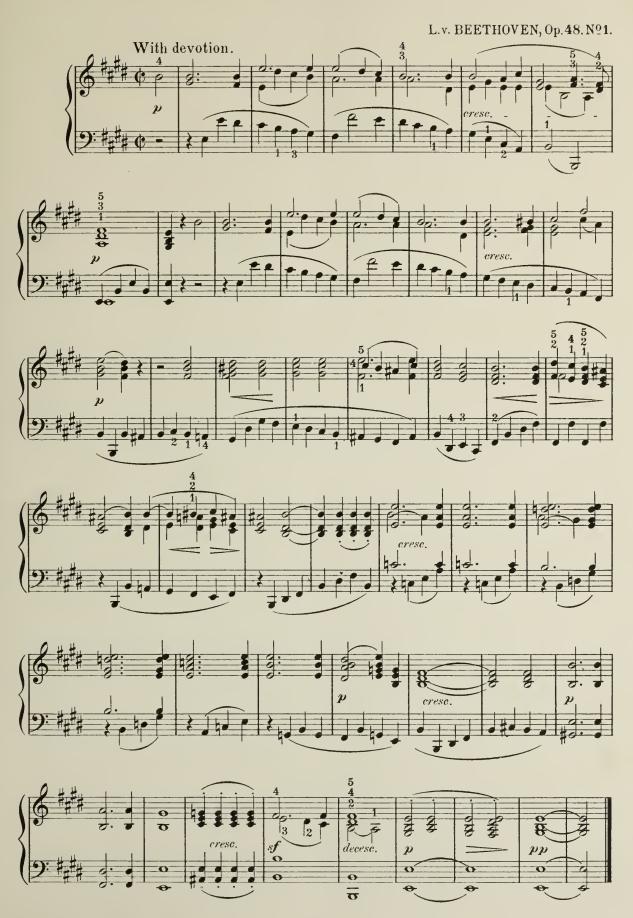






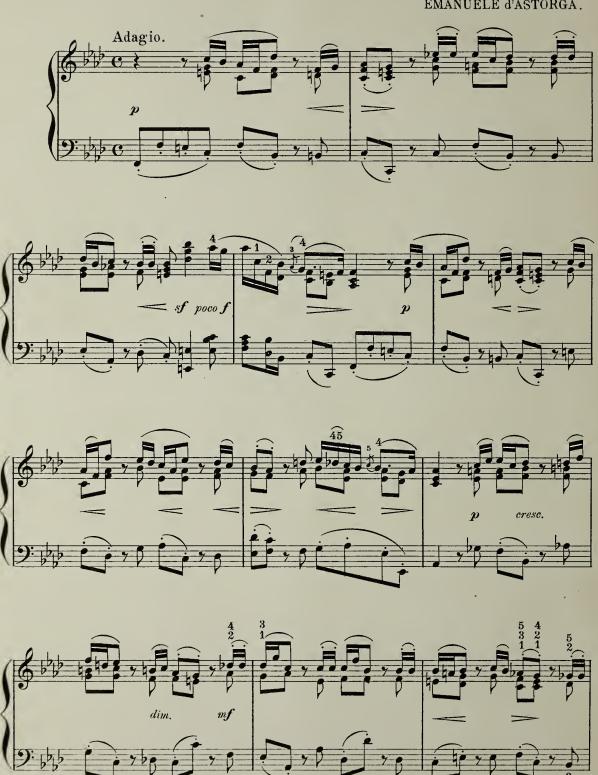


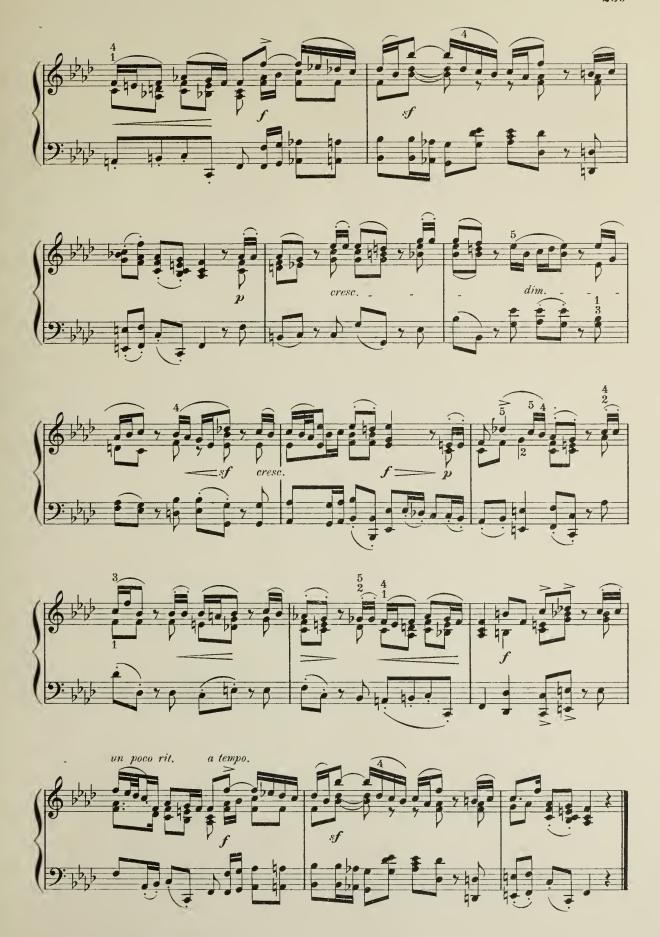




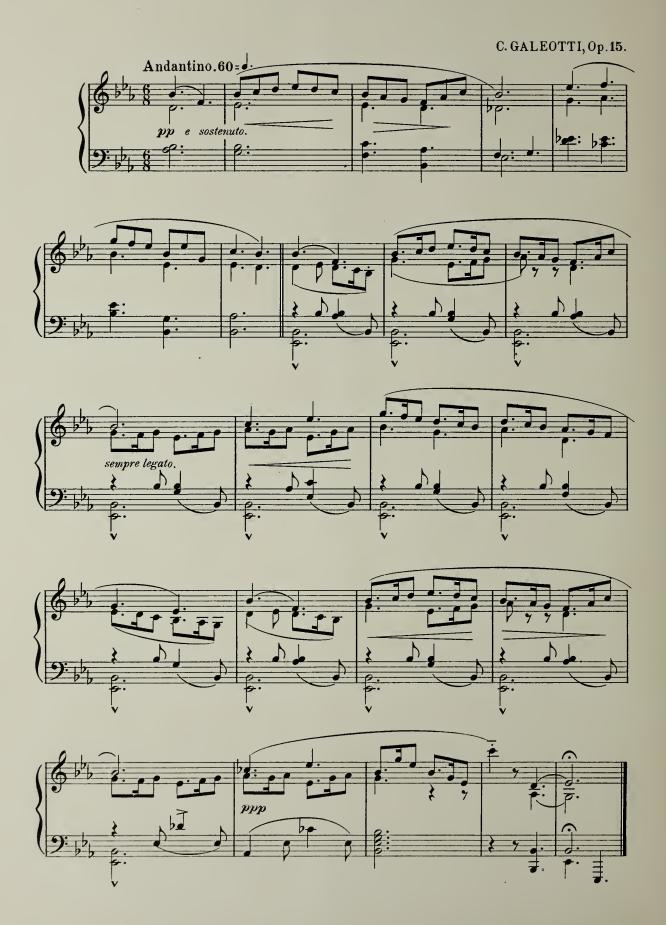
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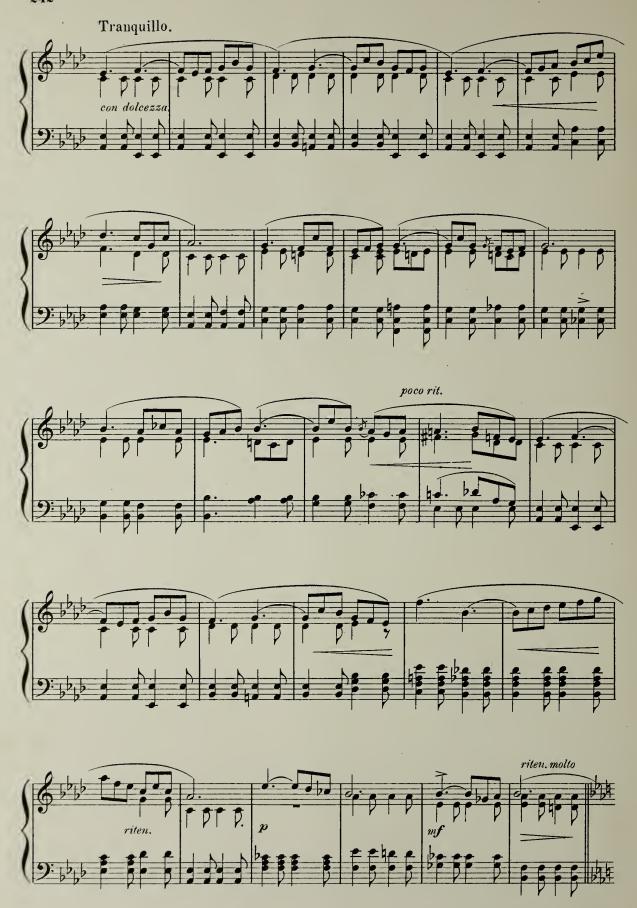




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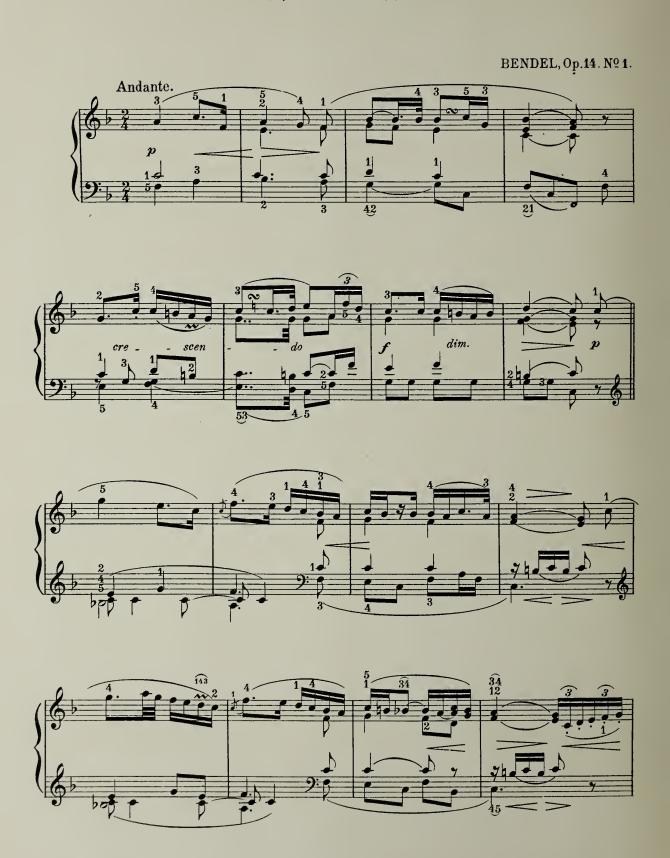


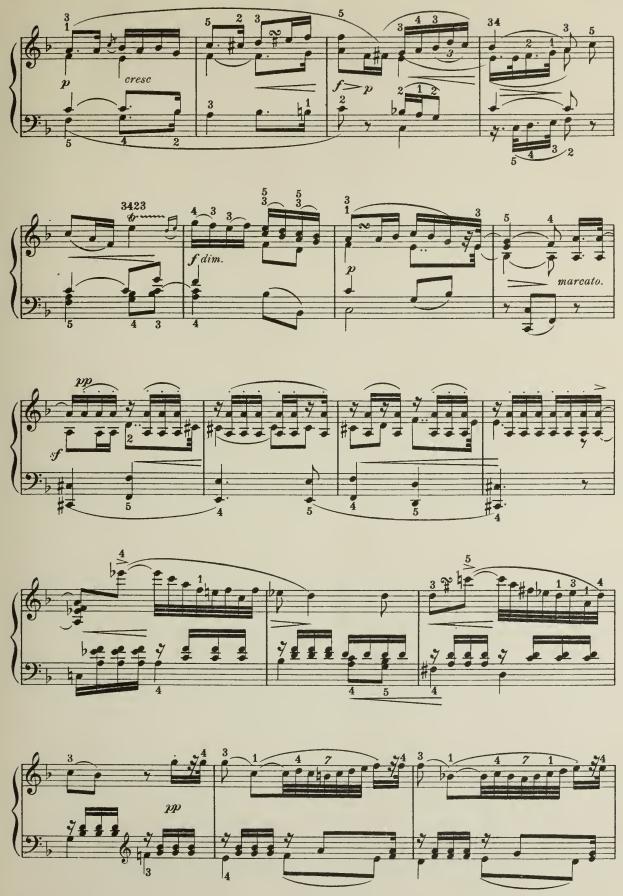


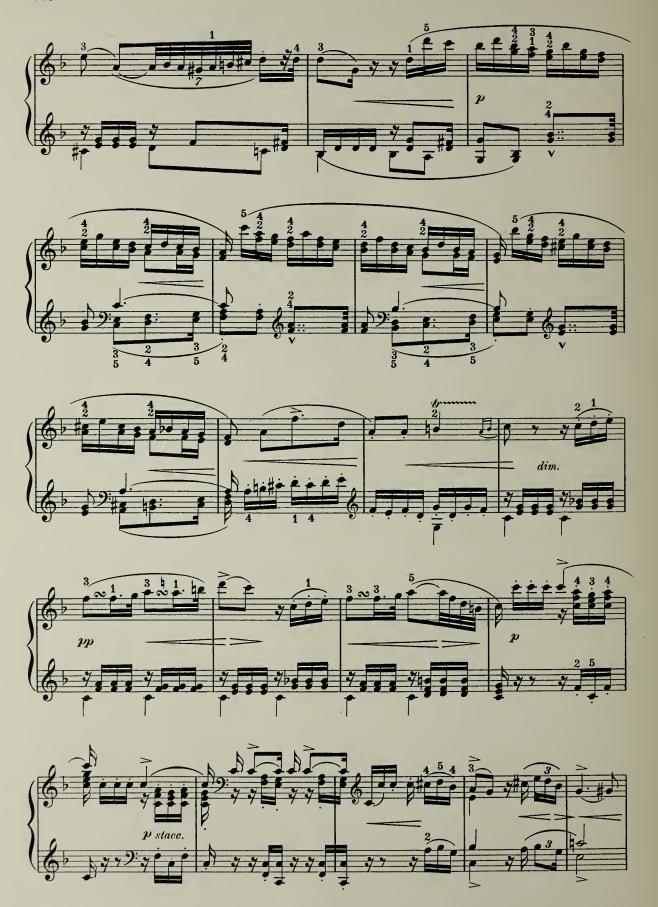


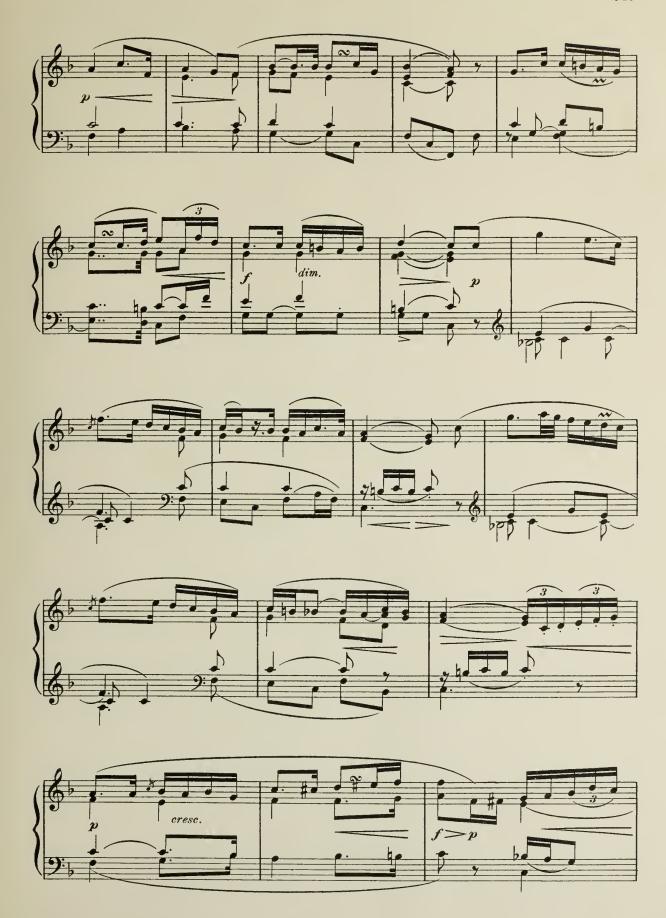


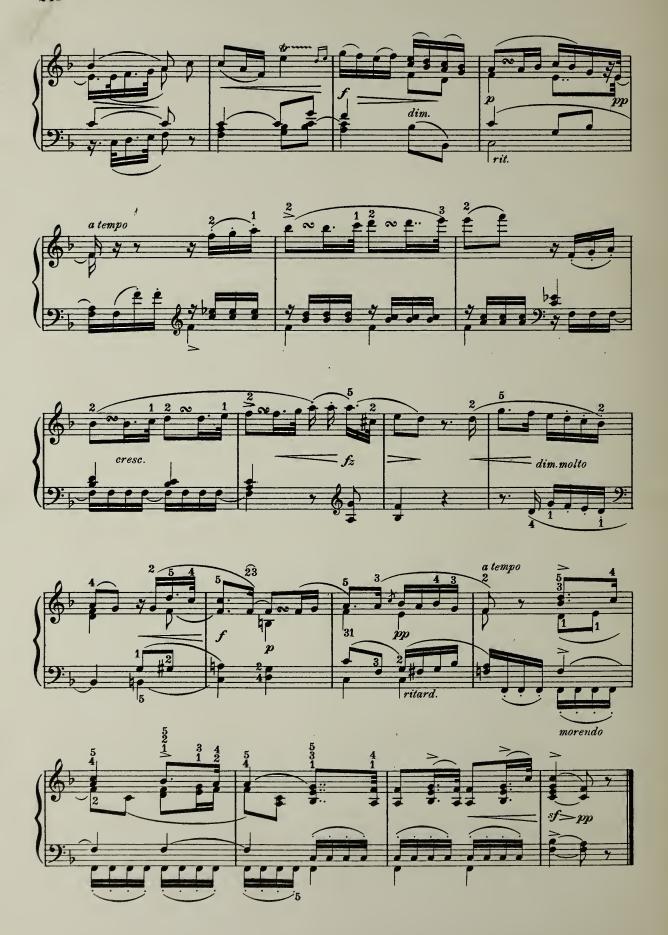
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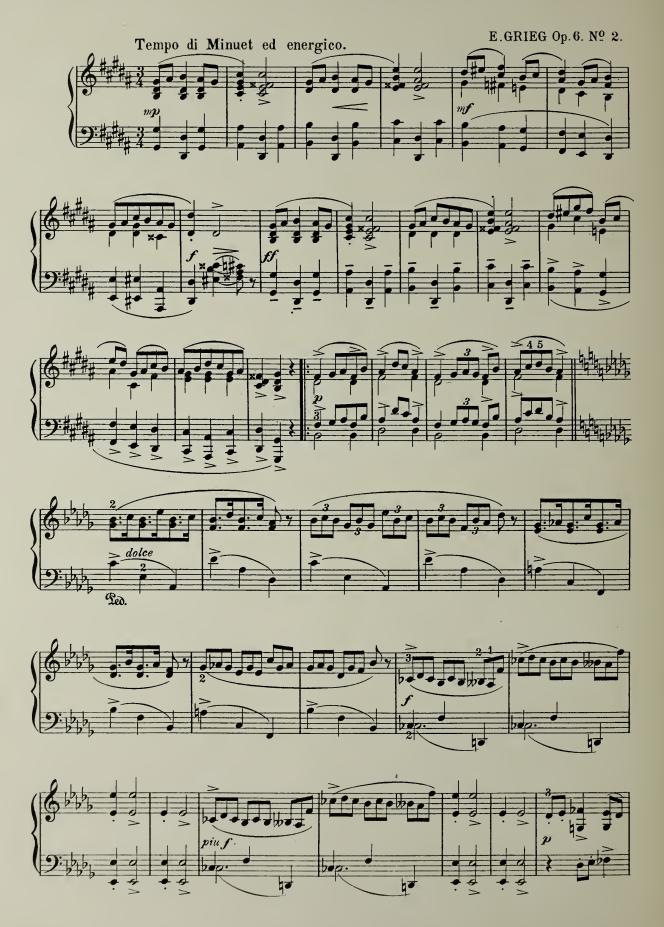






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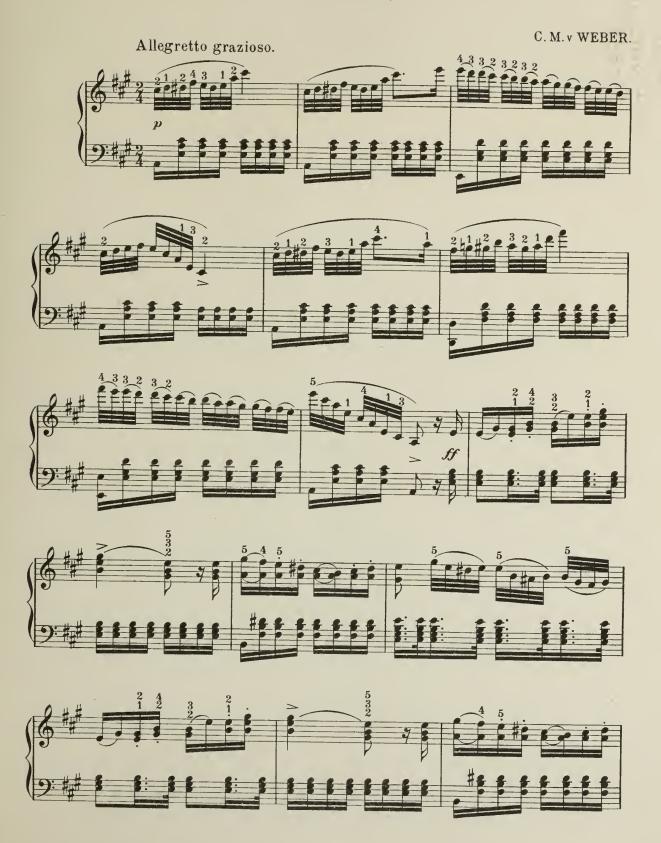


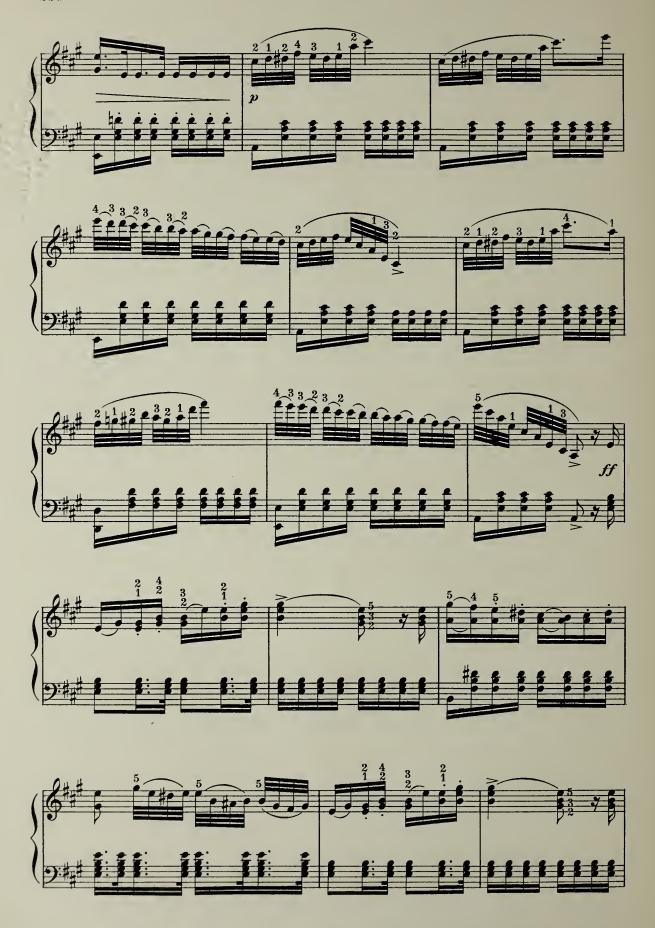




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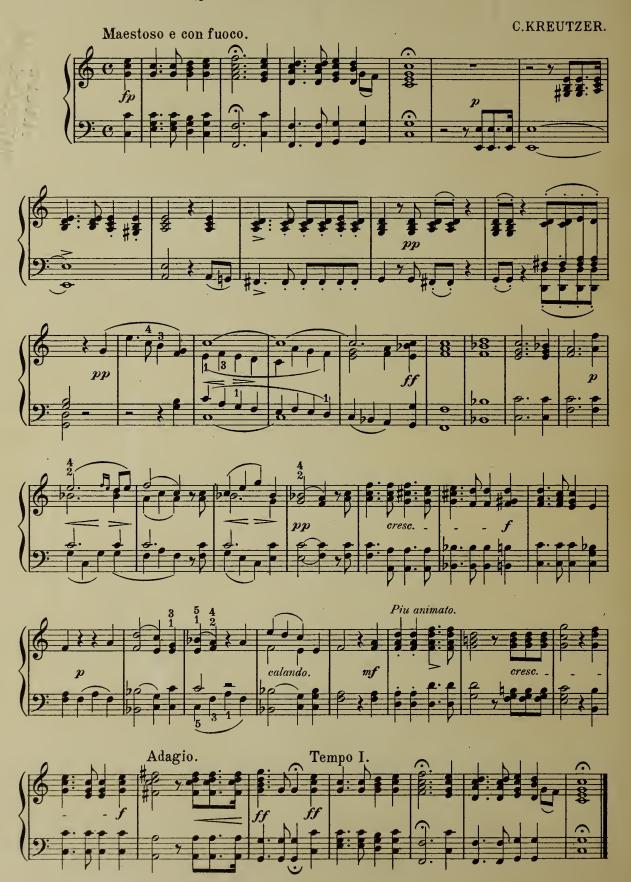
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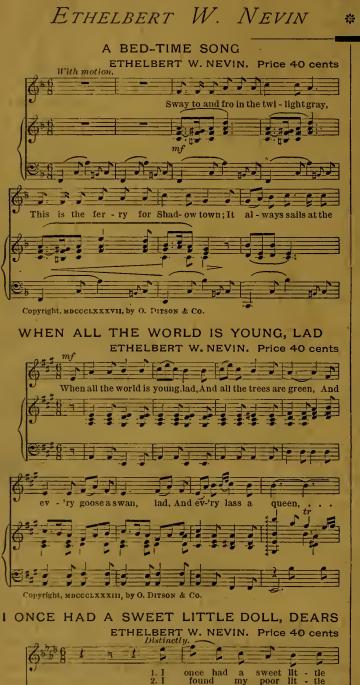
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